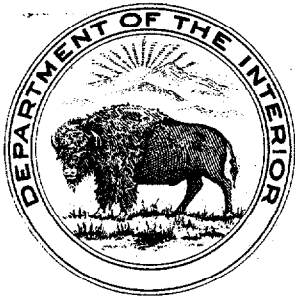


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### INFORMATION SERVICE

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

For Immediate Release

The appointment of Dr. Clarence Cottam, biologist of the Fish and Wildlife Service, to a new position as assistant to the director, was announced today by Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Service director. Since 1934, Dr. Cottam has been in charge of a Section devoted to research on economic wildlife problems for the Service.

In his new position, Dr. Cottam will serve as a coordinating and liaison officer for the Service in the field of wildlife conservation and management in connection with other land-use agencies, particularly the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Engineers of the War Department, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and other Federal and State agencies.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Gabrielson said, "This action will supply the need for a qualified person of recognized standing, freed from routine administrative duties, who can work with other Federal agencies in the development of the wildlife potentialities of present projects and of projects being blueprinted for the post-war period. In this manner the wildlife-management activities of the Fish and Wildlife Service can be vastly supplemented and a correlated Federal program achieved that will yield maximum benefits."

Dr. Cottam's headquarters will remain in Chicago, Ill., at the Central Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A native of Utah, Dr. Cottam holds three degrees, B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. After serving two years as an instructor in biology at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, he entered Federal Service in 1929 as a biologist with the former Bureau of Biological Survey, now a part of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Dr. Cottam is a Fellow in the American Ornithologists' Union and holds membership in many other technical and professional societies.